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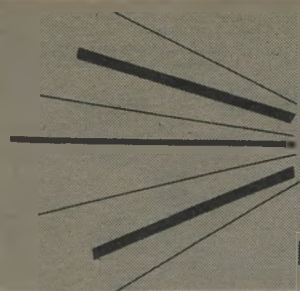
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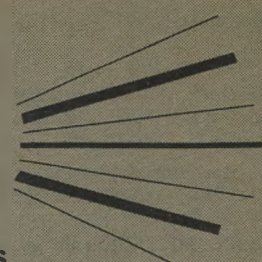




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## National Talents For Christ Winners

The entire list of winners at the National TALENTS FOR CHRIST contest held in Seattle, Washington is as follows:

### BRASS:

First Place-Steve Swayze, First Bapt. Church, Lapeer, Michigan

Second Place-Ron Stover, College Ave. Bapt. Church, Modesto, Calif.

Third Place-Mark Hefner, Grace Bapt. Church, Lima, Ohio

### WOODWIND:

First Place-Karen Anderson, Emmanuel Bapt. Church, Toledo, Ohio

Second Place-Marilyn Kilbar, Heritage Bapt. Church, Clarks Summit, Pa.

### PIANO

First Place-Cheryl Sprunger, Norwood Bapt. Church, Norwood, Ohio

Second Place-Judith Weiss, Inter-City Bapt. Church, Allen Park, Michigan

### ORGAN:

First Place-Marlene Webster, Lynwood Bapt. Church, Lynwood, Washington

Second Place-Lynn Averill, Calvary Bapt. Church, Decora, Iowa

### BOY'S VOICE:

First Place-Ken Pyne, Beldon Regular Bapt. Church, Niles, Illinois

Second Place-Jeff Bunjer, North Court Bapt. Church, Ottumwa, Iowa

### GIRL'S VOICE:

First Place-Vicki Zimmerman, Temple Bapt. Church, Omaha, Nebraska

Second Place-Jeanine Hull, Grace Bapt. Church, Lombard, Illinois

### BOY'S PUBLIC SPEAKING:

First Place-Larry Ball, Temple Bapt. Church, Portsmouth, Ohio

Second Place-Dean Harris, Calvary Bapt. Church, Valparaiso, Indiana

### GIRL'S PUBLIC SPEAKING:

First Place-Tracie LaFerney, South Bapt. Church, Flint, Michigan

Second Place-Mary Beth Willis, First Bapt. Church, Newfield, New Jersey

### JOURNALISM:

First Place-Becky Unroe, Grace Bapt. Church, Mission, South Dakota

Second Place-Virginia Decker, Forty-four, Pa.

### STRINGS:

No awards given

### BIBLE KNOWLEDGE:

First Place-Craig Colas, South Holly Bapt. Church, Littleton, Col.

Second Place-Carol Schulz, Grace Bapt. Church, Omaha, Nebraska

Fourth Place-Cindy Wilkins, Grace Bapt. Church, Lima, Ohio

### OHIO-THREE FIRSTS

Michigan-Two first, one second  
Illinois and Nebraska-One first, one second each

Colorado, South Dakota, Washington-One first each

Iowa and Pennsylvania-Two seconds each  
California, Indiana, New Jersey-One second each

The state of Ohio was well represented at the National Talents for Christ contest in Seattle in June. Six young people, winners of our state contests, made the trip to Seattle (for at least one, her first plane ride) and competed for scholarships to our GARBC approved schools.

We are proud to report three first place winners (out of nine possible) and a third place. Next year on the state level we look forward to competitive spirit and competence in performance which will again see Ohio take a good number of first place awards.

In a short phone interview, the following information was gained from our winners.



Karen Anderson

First place winner Karen Anderson represented Emmanuel Baptist Church of Toledo, Don Sewell, pastor, in the woodwind competition. Karen actually lives in Lambertville, Michigan but attends the Toledo church. The Andersons moved to the area only a year ago from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Karen plans to use her scholarship to attend Grand Rapids Baptist College in the fall. Despite having been at Emmanuel less than a year, Karen was involved in the Christmas and July 4 musicales of the church and has served on various committees in the youth department.

Like the other instrumentalists, Karen began her preparation in earnest two months before the April State Contest. She has played the flute for seven years. Her comment on the conference and contest was, "I wouldn't want to go through it again. It was scary." Although she did relate how much she enjoyed it.

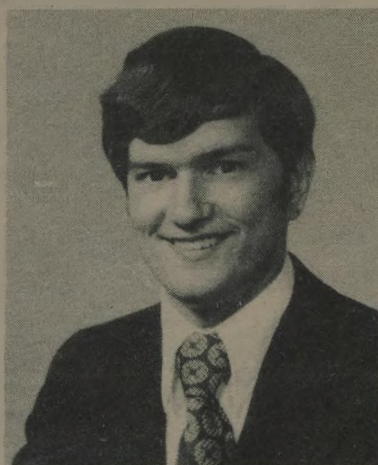


Cheryl Sprunger

Our phone call to Cheryl Sprunger interrupted the piano lesson she was giving. Cheryl, representing Norwood Baptist Church of Norwood, Albert Tassel, pastor, won first place in piano. Cheryl has been playing piano since first grade and is now 18, graduated, and planning on using her scholarship prize to enter Cedarville College in the fall.

Cheryl serves as church pianist and assistant organist at Norwood, teaches in primary church and is involved in her youth group. Her preparation for the April state contest began in February.

In Boy's Public Speaking, Larry Ball won first place representing Temple Baptist Church of Portsmouth, Max Sidders, pastor. Larry's oration was titled, "A Christian's Responsibility to his Government." Larry, doing all his own work, began preparation only one month before the state contest.



Larry Ball

Larry, a June graduate, has been involved in his church's Pro-Teen group, participating in the Pro-Teen National Scoring Contest. He also serves as Superintendent of the Junior Sunday School Department. This fall, Larry plans to enter Bob Jones University in Greenville, So. Carolina.



Mark Hefner

Mark Hefner, representing the Grace Baptist Church of Lima, Sam Canine, pastor, received third place in brass. Mark plays a fine trumpet and received this award despite a broken collarbone suffered one week before the national contest. Mark is 16 years old, a Junior in high school and has played the trumpet five years. He is also an accomplished pianist using this talent regularly in his youth group and serves as leader of the congregational singing at Grace. When asked for suggestions for future talents contestants, he stressed getting an early start. Select and memorize the music at least two months ahead so you can spend that two months refining your selections. He also suggested obtaining whatever help possible from accomplished people on your instrument. Mark was able to take lessons from the first chair trumpet player of the Lima Symphony Orchestra.

A word of warning, Mark plans on trying again next year so brassmen, work hard, it won't be easy competition.

Cindy Wilkins of Grace Baptist Church placed fourth in the Bible Knowledge contest and Karen Sewell of Emmanuel in Toledo competed in the area of organ. We in the state of Ohio are proud

## Accepts Call To Indiana Church



Rev. Joseph M. Stowell, III

Joseph M. Stowell, III, pastor of The Southgate Baptist Church, Springfield, and Chairman of our OARBC Council of Twelve, has resigned his position in Springfield to become Senior Pastor of The Bible Baptist Church, Kokomo, Indiana.

Pastor Stowell, a graduate of Cedarville College, came to Southgate Baptist in May of 1970 after completing his seminary training at Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas. At that time, our State Missionary, Earl Umbaugh, had been working with the families that organized The Southgate Baptist Church and a group of about 50 persons were attending worship services in Perrin Woods School. During these past six years the membership has grown to 306 and an average Sunday morning attendance of between 450-500 was reached this spring. Under Pastor Stowell's leadership the church building was completed and occupied in February 1973. Pastor Stowell has served on the Council of Twelve since 1972, serving as both Secretary and Chairman of the State Youth Committee. This year he has served as Chairman of the Council. He has the opportunity of frequent speaking engagements throughout our state and in 1973 was named an Outstanding Young Man in America. He and his wife, Martha, and their three children moved to Kokomo in mid-August.

Dr. J. Murray Murdoch has been called to serve as Interim Pastor. Dr. Murdoch is a graduate of Baptist Bible Seminary when it was located in Johnson City, N. Y., and completed his doctoral studies at Northwestern University. He serves as Chairman of the Department of Social Studies at Cedarville College and has served in the role of interim pastor on several occasions.

of these young people who did so well representing their churches, their state, and most important their Lord at the National Talents for Christ Contest. Who will it be next year? Possibly a young person reading this report. Pastor, is there someone in your church you should start encouraging now? We look forward to another great year in 1977!



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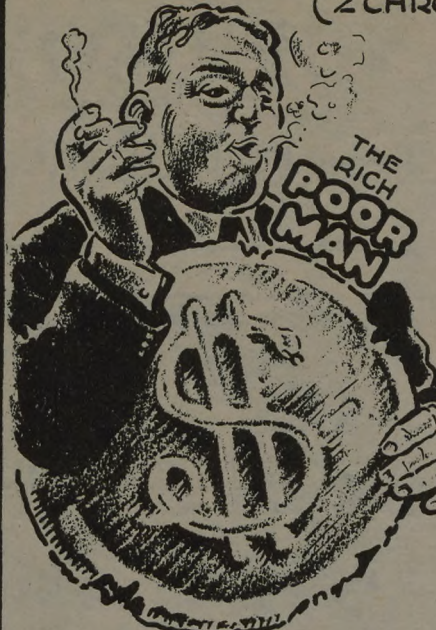
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## The Great Contrast - PSALM 73.

"As long as he sought the Lord,  
God made him to PROSPER"  
(2 CHRON. 26:5).



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2. DESOLATE OF SOUL, V. 19.  
3. DESTROYED FOREVER, V. 18.



1. TRUSTING IN GOD, V. 28.  
2. TESTIMONY FOR GOD, V. 28.  
3. TRIUMPHANT IN GLORY, V. 24.

The Rev. J. Emerson Russell, artist-preacher, and former art director at Cedarville College, is now available for Bible Conferences. He may be addressed at 4 Tecumseh Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

## A Word From Your Editor....

We were privileged to hold four meetings in the State of Hawaii. This was back in late May and for the first three weeks of June. How warm and gracious were the believers in the churches there! We ministered in the Calvary Indepen-

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dent Church of Wahiawa (Oahu), the Grace Baptist Church of Hilo (Hawaii), the Maili Bible Church of Waianae (Oahu) and the Honolulu Bible Church (Oahu).

Hawaii is a most difficult mission field. Even among so-called "evangelical" churches, there is a spirit of compromise. Very few churches are standing true to a sound fundamental position. We thank God for these churches in which we were privileged to minister. In the midst of all this conglomerate mess, they were found standing true to Christ and His Word.

Our schedule for the Fall is a busy one. We covet your prayers as we travel, preach and serve as editor of the O.I.B.!

Most of our readers know that this editor has (in days gone by) had problems with his left leg. It has been broken three times over the years (just by walking) and operated on four different times.



"Here We Go Again"

On Sunday, August 1st, we were preaching at the First Baptist Church in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania. This bad leg was giving me quite a bit of pain. At the close the morning service, an orthopedic surgeon, who was in Philipsburg visiting his mother, advised me to go to the local hospital and have my leg X-rayed. I did and found I had a hairline fracture. He immediately placed my leg in a cast and now I am back on crutches again!

## Is A 'Church-In' The Answer?

Are you looking for a way to have a more personal work with your teens? You are probably asking - What is a "Church-In"? Is a "Church-In" the answer?

We would like to share with you an experience that was very successful for us here at the Grace Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio. It all happened the week of July 5 through 10. It was called a "Church-In" and it had an exciting effect on our teens. We began with much prayer and a small group of teens who really meant business for the Lord. We had eight teens who were mostly freshmen and sophomores living at the church. Our purpose was to (1) Present a Bible study on the Life of Christ, (2) See if we could have a significant Christian life not only at camp but right here in our own church, (3) Motivate the teens on a self-study on a project in John's gospel and encourage them in their own Bible study, (4) Do odd jobs around the church and (5) teach the girls the Christian Charm Course and the boys the Man in Demand course. (These are published by Manna Publications, P. O. Box 10964, Portland, Oregon - 97210.)

The week had a big impact on our

teens particularly as we studied selected chapters of the Book of John. Soon they were in an exciting study and eventually were leading the discussion over the chapters of this wonderful book each day. They worked on projects such as -- "Why Was Christ Baptized?" -- the "I Ams" -- the "Miracles of Christ" and others. The teens were eager to study the "Christian Charm Course" and the "Man in Demand" each day as they learned more about personal care. They were greatly enthused, and highly recommended the course to others of our teens. Their time was also spent in recreation, work around the church, eating and a little sleeping.

We feel that our purposes were reached thus being a very successful "Church-In". It allowed me, as the Youth Pastor, to work closely with my teen-age young people and it taught my teen-aged young people how to work and cooperate together. We are happy to pass this information on to our O.I.B. readers. You might want to use it in your church. We trust it will work as well for you.

.....Robert A. Pycraft, Minister of Youth  
Grace Baptist Church - Toledo, Ohio.

We will be having our doctor in Dayton examine it further and will probably be called upon to wear a leg brace the rest of our days. "He giveth more grace..." Wasn't the Lord good to have an orthopedic surgeon in our Sunday morning congregation! He had come to Philipsburg all the way from Portsmouth, Virginia. The Lord takes care of his own! The doctor's name is Dr. David Durica and, best of all, he knows and loves the Lord. How wonderful is our God! We covet your prayers in our behalf.

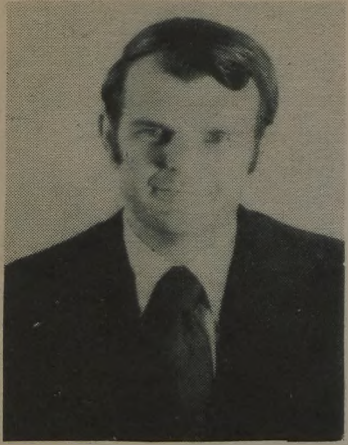
### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Aug. 29 - Sept. 5 Calvary Bapt. Ch.,  
Forest City, Iowa  
Sept. 6 - 10 At home in Xenia, Ohio  
Sept. 12 - 17 First Bapt. Ch.,  
Louisville, Ohio

Sept. 19 - 24 Northwest Bapt. Ch.,  
Jackson, Michigan  
Sept. 27 - Oct. 1 First Bapt. Ch.,  
Reed City, Michigan  
Oct. 3 - 6 Cedar Hill Baptist Ch.,  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio  
Oct. 7 Council of 12 Meeting -  
Maranatha Baptist Ch.,  
Columbus, Ohio  
Oct. 10 - 15 Broadalbin Bapt. Ch.,  
Broadalbin, New York  
Oct. 17 Norwood Baptist Church  
Norwood, Ohio  
Oct. 18 - 20 OARBC 49th An. Conf.  
Norwood Bapt. Ch.,  
Norwood, O. (Cincinnati)  
Oct. 21 - 22 At home in Xenia, Ohio  
Oct. 24 - 29 West Chicago Bapt. Ch.,  
Detroit, Michigan  
Oct. 31 - Nov. 5 First Baptist Church,  
Niles, Ohio  
Nov. 6 - 12 Portville Bapt. Ch.,  
Portville, New York  
Nov. 14 - 19 Johnstown Ind. Bapt. Ch.  
Johnstown, Ohio  
Nov. 21 - 26 First Baptist Church,  
Willowick, Ohio  
Nov. 28 - Dec. 1 Highview Bapt. Church  
Akron, Ohio



## Enlarges Staff



Dr. Larry McWard

Maranatha Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio, Dr. William Brock, Pastor, announced the addition of Dr. Larry McWard as Pastor's Assistant. Dr. McWard joins Reverend Robert Anthony and Mr. James McElwee on the staff at Maranatha.

Dr. McWard, as Pastor's Assistant, will be responsible for a large part of the business area and physical facilities of Maranatha Baptist Church and Maranatha Christian School. In commenting on this addition, Dr. Brock stated that this now completes the planned staff at Maranatha and believes that the Lord has supplied those who will enable both the church and the school to effectively enlarge and proceed in an orderly fashion. He also mentions that God exhorts us to do all things "decently and in order" and believes we do honor the Lord by wisely planning our outreach for Him.

Our brother is not a stranger to Maranatha having been a member of the church from 1970-1972. He is a graduate of Southern Illinois University with a Bachelor and Masters degree. He received his PhD from Ohio State University. Prior to coming to Maranatha, he was on the staff of Southern Illinois University. He previously also taught at Florida State University. He has extensive training and experience in teaching, the education field, as well as the practical experience of having been a contractor.

Dr. McWard is married and has three children. They have been on the field at Maranatha since July 1st.

## Kamp Kidron

### Bible Conference

The Kamp Kidron Fellowship Association held their Forty Sixth Annual Conference Aug. 1 through August 6th.

The opening service was held on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 1 with a Festival of Music. Testimonies were given. This was followed by a lovely Buffet Supper.

Bible Teachers were Rev. Roy Clark, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana and Rev. Paul Tidball, Assistant

## Ordained To Declare The Gospel

Upon the invitation of the First Baptist Church of Medina, Ohio, an Ordination Council was convened at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 1976 to consider the advisability of setting aside to the gospel ministry Mr. John M. Rathbun who presently serves as the Minister of Music and Youth at the First Baptist Church of Medina.

Pastor William Russell, host pastor, welcomed the Council and led in the singing of a hymn.

Rev. Walter Speith was chosen to serve as temporary chairman and Rev. Myron Williams as temporary clerk to organize the Council.

The letter of invitation was read and the roll call of churches and individuals was made. Fourteen churches were represented with ten pastors and ten messengers plus three observers present plus the candidate's father and the host pastor.

A motion was then carried to make the temporary officers the permanent ones.

Pastor Russell introduced the candidate John Rathbun who first gave testimony to his salvation in Jesus Christ. Then he told of his call to Christian service. His formal training consisted of two years at the University of Wisconsin, and then service in the armed forces. In service he dedicated his life to the Lord at a Jack VanImpe meeting after which he enrolled at Faith Baptist Bible College in Iowa where he finished his training. His wife, Sherrie, also gave a testimony.

The candidate then was questioned by the Council over his doctrinal statement, copies of which were distributed to the Council members.

The Council then proceeded to executive session where the following motion was passed. "The Council recommends to the church that they proceed with the ordination of Mr. John Rathbun". A second motion was passed by the Council to inform the church that negative votes cast by members of the Council were not directed against the man or his ability, but rather were questioning the propriety of ordination for one who is not anticipating the preaching or teaching of the Word as his life's work".

...submitted by Myron E. Williams,  
Clerk of the Council

Superintendent of the Cleveland Hebrew Mission. Rev. and Mrs. Joel Kettnering, former missionaries to Jamaica, directed the music. Bible classes were held every morning at 10:30 a.m. and each evening at 7:30 p.m. A Clinic on "Jewish Life and Customs" was presented each afternoon at a 2:30 p.m. service. Rev. Gerald Smelser, Superintendent of the Cleveland Hebrew Mission directed the conference.

The Lord blessed throughout!

## Returns To Ohio



Rev. Allan Vine

The newly formed Fellowship Baptist Church of Lorain, Ohio (formerly the Trinity Baptist and Emmanuel Baptist Churches) has called Rev. Allan Vine of Verona, Wisconsin to be their new pastor.

Brother Vine is no stranger to our OARBC fellowship. He previously served in Fostoria for seven and one-half years and at Arcanum for three years. While in the Fostoria church, he led the people in the building of their lovely new educational building.

"The Vines" have a daughter, Judy Fires, who is teaching at the Christian Day School of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo. Their son, Philip is the Youth and Music Minister at the First Baptist Church in Howard City, Michigan.

It is a joy to welcome our brother and his dear wife, Kitty, back into our Ohio fellowship. We are confident the Lord will richly bless him and the work of the Fellowship Baptist Church. Pastor Earl Willetts has been serving as Interim Pastor at the Fellowship Baptist Church. His ministry was one of blessing.

## Building Dedicated

A special service was held Sunday afternoon, May 23rd, at the Calvary Baptist Church in Tiffin, Ohio. Members and friends gathered together to dedicate their lovely new church building. It really is beautiful! It adjoins their present educational building.

Pastor John Teeters led the Dedication Service. Dr. James T. Jeremiah, President of Cedarville College, delivered the main address. Others participating in the service were Rev. Clyde Albertson, former Pastor - Mr. Ken Evans of Watterau, Inc. - Mr. Carl Gaiser, Architect - Dr. Ray Hein, Church Consultant and Rev. Myron Williams, former Pastor. A special offertory was presented by Philip Reno and Mrs. Carl Rexroad sang a solo.

In grace, the Lord has been richly blessing the ministry of Brother Teeters. Not only have they seen the erection of this fine building, but even more important, souls are being reached and lives built up in the things of the Lord.

## O.A.R.B.C. 49th Annual Conference

The Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches will be holding their 49th Annual Conference this year in the Norwood Baptist Church, 2037 Courtland Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio - 45212. Rev. Albert Tassell is the pastor of this fine church.

The conference begins on Monday, October 18 at 5:00 p.m. with a Dinner Reception for new pastors in our State fellowship and their wives. The first public session will be at 7:00 p.m. Guest speakers for the conference are Dr. John Balyo, Professor in Bible at the Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary and Dr. Robert Gromacki, Professor in Bible at Cedarville College. The conference will close at Wednesday noon, October 20th with a message by missionary Gene Bryant of Baptist Mid-Missions.

By closing the conference at noon, this will afford our pastors from distant areas sufficient time to get back to their churches for their Wednesday evening prayer meetings.

Brother Balyo and Brother Gromacki are both excellent speakers. They will speak on subjects such as--"The Olivet Discourse", "The Transfiguration - Christ's Guarantee of His Return", "The Two Resurrections", "The Characteristics of the Coming Kingdom" and "Who Is Worthy to Take the Book?". On Tuesday at 1:15 p.m., the Ladies State Missionary Union will have their own missionary program. Also, at the same time, Dr. Balyo and Dr. Gromacki will direct a Men's Forum on "Interpreting Prophecy."

In the next issue of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST we will run a listing of the motels located near the Norwood Baptist Church. Make plans now to attend this great conference.

## Portsmouth Moving Ahead

The Temple Baptist Church of Portsmouth, Ohio (Rev. Max Siders, Pastor) voted recently to begin a Day Care Center and School. The name of this new corporation is to be "TEMPLE TOTS and TEENS".

Also, the church voted to purchase "the Graff property" located at 433 Waller Street, to provide the required "fenced play area" for the new Day Care Center. The new property sold for \$18,000. After the church had taken action to purchase this property, they were informed by Maycel Clark the entire amount of \$18,000 would be provided in honor of Brother Clyde W. Clark, who went to be with the Lord on March 14, 1975. The new play area will be named after Mr. Clark.

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The approved mission agencies of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches have united solidly behind the ministry of INFORMISSIONS, a special missions program geared primarily for our Baptist young people. The first national Informissions Conference took place in December, 1974, at Grand Rapids Baptist College with over 550 registered for the five-day period.

Once again excitement is mounting as another National Informissions Conference approaches. This one is scheduled for December 27-31, 1976, at Grand Rapids Baptist College. An excellent program has been planned for the 1,000 college students who are expected to be there. Further information will be forthcoming in this column as the conference date draws near.

It is always a blessing to see joint efforts among our sister Baptist mission agencies. Regular Baptist Press in Sao Paulo, Brazil, is a good example of a joint effort, as Association of Baptists for World Evangelism and Baptist Mid-Missions work in close cooperation in a literature ministry.

Rev. Jackson Moore, involved in the ministry of Regular Baptist Press recently reported, "The press continues to be a source of blessing, both by way of tracts and books as well as Sunday School materials. Last year over 500 copies of 'HEAVEN CAN BE YOURS' were sent to individuals who returned a tract saying they were accepting Christ as Saviour. Praise the Lord."

An interesting phase of the work of RBP came to light recently. Mr. Moore mentioned that the correspondence courses sent out by the press reach into unusual places. One of the seminary students who was correcting and mailing the courses was somewhat swamped by the large volume of work. The chaplain of the local penitentiary had just dropped off the test for 99 students. The prisoners are moved through the courses fairly rapidly since there is the chance they will be transferred. At the end of last year, Mr. Moore and his colleague went to the penitentiary to award 400 diplomas. This particular chaplain now has 300 prisoners enrolled in the correspondence courses. For the past ten years, the missionaries have had free access to the prisoners in various prisons scattered over Brazil through correspondence courses.

Thus the printed word is touching hearts of those in need of a Savior, and we know His Word has the power to transform lives. Please pray for this evangelistic endeavor of Regular Baptist Press of Brazil where these two sister missions work together to reach the lost with the Gospel of Christ through literature.

Baptist Mid-Missions is seeing tremendous success in its program to assist local churches with their mission conferences. The whole program is geared to provide the best possible conference for a church without burdening the church with the usual load of correspondence connected with such a conference. In fact, the Deputation Department contacts the missionaries, does all the necessary correspondence, provides a list of suggestions to create conference interest, instructs the missionaries in their contact with the church, and even provides a typed final program for the church as well as the conference participants. Churches have greatly responded to such an offer and it is not unusual to have several conferences going on at the same time each week. The following is one of the many fine letters received at the Baptist Mid-Missions Home Office. It comes from Rev. Ronald W. Graef, Pastor of Evangel Baptist Church, Taylor, Michigan.

"Last fall we had a five-day Missionary Conference sparked with ideas from Brother Kendrick. It was extremely successful. The attendance held high, and the interest still continues after all these months. Working through the Baptist Mid-Missions' Deputation Department simplified the hassling job of coordination. They arranged a perfect balance of missionary speakers for us - older and younger, veterans and appointees, different parts of the world represented, different types of ministries. We learned a great deal, loved each of the missionaries, and took on the support of the appointees who are now on the field. Thank you, Baptist Mid-Missions, for your great army of missionaries and for your help in promoting world missions in local churches like ours."

From the Home Office of the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions, comes a number of interesting items. Executive Director Rev. James Dersham, who has been busy in field council meetings in the western part of the United States, reports plans are well under way for their Candidate School this September. It will be held in Elyria.

Requests for the Bicentennial slide-tape presentation have been overwhelming. In fact, there were so many requests for it for the date of July 4th, alternate dates had to be suggested.

The Joy Club ministry will have a new director beginning in September in the person of missionary Virgil Freyermuth. Brother Freyermuth has been serving as a missionary in Oklahoma and will take over a work which has tremendous potential. Just recently a thriving Joy Club in Texas reported not only excellent attendances but also an effective outreach through its clubs for the Sunday School and church.

It has been the privilege of this writer to fellowship with and observe the work of some of the finest men in missions today. One of these is Rev. Arthur Cunningham, Executive Director of Hiawatha Baptist Missions. H.B.M. has made noted progress under the capable leadership of Brother Cunningham who has a tremendous vision for missions and who labors many long hours each day dedicated to his task. God has been pleased to use him to challenge His people all across America and, in particular, countless numbers of young people. H.B.M. recently held its 31st Annual Council Meeting which was hosted by the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, Dr. Donald Sewell, Pastor. In its outreach, H.B.M. has entered the state of Colorado with missionary Robert and Jane Dickson who have begun their new work in the city of Denver. The church planting ministry of H.B.M. is

## Accepts Missions Post With A.B.W.E.



Dr. Floyd A. Davis

Dr. Wendell Kempton, president of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE) has announced plans for establishing a mission effort to the U.S.A. ABWE, a fundamental, Baptist mission board, is located in Cherry Hill, N. J. It was founded in 1927 and currently has 475 missionaries serving in 13 foreign countries.

Dr. Floyd A. Davis, a board member of that mission has accepted the directorship of this new effort in missions to the U.S.A. Dr. Davis stated that he "sees" a nation (America) as needy and groping for the Light that is only available through the faithful preaching of the Word of God. He further stated that "many dedicated men will join me in planting and establishing the kind of churches that will faithfully teach and preach that Word."

Dr. Davis resides in Shawnee Mission, Kansas and has pastored Olivet Baptist Church of nearby Kansas City, Kansas since 1971. Prior pastorates included Cherrylyn First Baptist, Englewood, Colorado; Westside Baptist, Enid, Oklahoma and the Independent Baptist church of North Jackson, Ohio which he helped to found.

He presently serves as chairman of the board for Faith Baptist Bible College of Ankeny, Iowa. He was instrumental in founding the Regular Baptist Church Builders of Colorado, a home mission organization that assists in developing new churches. He is also the chairman of the Council of Eighteen. This council is composed of the elected officers of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, a fellowship of over 1,500 independent, fundamental Baptist churches with a total membership of over 210,000.

Dr. Davis studied at Cedarville College of Cedarville, Ohio. He graduated from Baptist Bible College of Denver with a B.A. degree. He received his honorary D.D. from the same school.

growing at such a rapid pace, it is almost impossible for mission builders to keep up with the construction requests. At this writing, four churches are awaiting their turn for help from the H.B.M. builders.

A.B.W.E., B.M.M., E.B.M., F.B.H.M., and H.B.M. are Baptist agencies which take a strong separatist position and this is so vitally important in this day of increasing ecumenism. They represent ministries which we can scripturally support and to which we can unreservedly direct our Baptist young people.

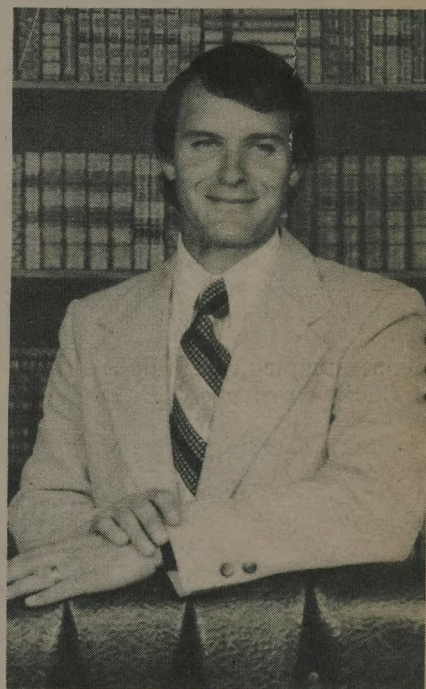
## Outstanding Christian Lawyer

On Sunday, August 1st, Mr. David Gibbs spoke at the Calvary Baptist Church in Findlay, Ohio. Dr. Richard Snively is the pastor of this fine church.

Brother Gibbs heads the law firm which represents Christian schools in Ohio. He is an active member of the Cedar Hill Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio. He has been active in assisting Christian schools all across Ohio since the late 1960's. His services have been in the form of advice and direction in the establishment of various schools, as well as legal aid to some involved in court actions. He has been instrumental in the development of legislation now before the state government which would further protect the Christian Schools of Ohio.

C.S.O., the organization which Mr. Gibbs so ably represents, was formed to assist fundamental Christian schools in their dealing with various state agencies. He is a very knowledgeable and forthright speaker.

## Westerville Calls Assistant Pastor



Rev. Roland McClain

The Grace Baptist Church of Westerville, Ohio recently called Rev. Roland McClain to serve as Assistant Pastor of their church.

Brother McClain and his wife are graduates of Tennessee Schools in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Our brother majored in Bible and his wife, Sally, in English. They have two children - Matthew, age four and Rebecca, age eight.

They will be assisting Rev. Jim Ellick, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, in the field of administration and extension ministries. They assumed their responsibilities the third week of May.

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Shown in the above picture are (L. to R.) Pastor Emeritus Earl Willetts, Donald LeRoy Grosch, Deacon Joseph Stephens and Pastor Roy Gibbs -- all of the Berea Baptist Church, Berea, Ohio.

Brother Grosch was licensed by the Berea church to preach the gospel. He has accepted a call to pastor the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Homeworth, Ohio. His ministry there began the early part of August.

## Cedarville College

### GRADUATION

On June 5, 1976, 201 Cedarville College seniors shook hands with President Jeremiah, received their diplomas, turned their tassels, and became college graduates.

This was the largest class ever to graduate from Cedarville. It was also the first class to graduate in the newly completed chapel at the college.

For the entire college family and their friends commencement was a time of rejoicing and giving thanks to the Lord for the graduates' completion of four years of hard work. Their college experience had meant studying, learning the truth of God's Word and His reality in their lives. It had also meant growing, sharing, searching and learning about people.

Dr. James T. Jeremiah, president of Cedarville College conferred the degrees and presented the commencement address - a challenge to the graduates. The dedication prayer was presented by Dr. Daniel Wetzel, class sponsor. Music was provided by the Cedarville College Concert Choir under the direction of David Matson, and the Brass Choir, directed by Dr. Robert Monroe.

Ten special awards were given to students during commencement exercises including - James Goetz, Wall Street Journal Award and the President's Trophy; Randy Helmick, American Chemical Society Award; Kathy Howell, Music Trophy Award; Ellen West, Music Trophy Award; Louise Smelser Memorial Award, Martha Louise Brown Memorial Award; John Street, Martha Louise Brown Memorial Award; Jimmy O'Quinn Evangelism Grant; Diane Hall, Oxford University Press Scofield Bible Award and Faculty Scholarship Trophy; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wimer, Arthur Franklin Williams Award; Delmar Hager, Clifford R. Maddox Memorial Award.

Dr. James T. Jeremiah presented the degree of Doctor of Divinity to Rev. Mark E. Jackson, pastor of Walnut Ridge Baptist Church in Waterloo, Iowa. Pastor Jackson is presently chairman of the board of trustees of the Baptist Bible College and School of Theology at Clarks Summit, Pa. He is a member of the Council of 18 of the GARBC and serves as a council member of the Association of Baptists for World Missions. Pastor Jackson is well known for his Bible preaching, his stand for the faith, his ability to serve with others in the work of the Lord, and his

emphasis on missions and evangelism in his pastoral ministry.

### BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS SEMINAR

Baptist Mid-Missions recently held its twenty-ninth annual candidate training seminar on the campus of Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio. Sixty-seven participants gathered for this year's two-week seminar held July 15 through 29. The seminar was a time of intensive missionary orientation designed to acquaint the prospective missionaries with the mission board itself, the fields of service, the procedures involved in deputation work, and the methods of handling various aspects of work on the mission field.

Of those present this year, the largest representation was 19 candidates for North America, with 11 candidates for Brazil.

The trainees spent the two weekends of the seminar ministering in local churches throughout the area, giving their testimonies and presenting missions.

### CABLE TELEVISION

"Cedarville College Presents" --- a thirteen week series of programs over cable television. The airing of the programs over cable television is an exciting challenge for Cedarville College, extending the ministry and testimony of the college. The purpose of the programs is to meet the need in society by presenting Christ through interviews, testimonies, and messages and to communicate Cedarville College -- its campus, its faculty and staff, its standards, and its goals.

The opportunity to produce and air the programs was presented to Cedarville College by Jimmy Rae Electronics Inc. of Columbus, Ohio. The firm is generously providing the equipment and technicians for shooting and editing the series of programs, as well as handling the circulation of the cassettes to the cable television stations. Paul Gathany, Director of Christian Educational Publications at Cedarville College, is working closely with Jimmy Rae Jr. in producing the programs.

The first series of thirteen programs to be aired beginning August 1, is entitled "Cedarville College Presents" and will feature the Abundant Life Singers. Each program will be composed of several musical selections, an interview with a faculty member or student of the college, conducted by Lee Turner, Director of Development; and a message by campus president James T. Jeremiah.

## Ground-Breaking Ceremonies

The Washington Heights Baptist Church, which is located at 5650 Far Hills Avenue in Dayton, Ohio, held groundbreaking ceremonies for their major new addition to the present church building. This was on Sunday evening, July 4, at 7 p.m.

Members and friends of the church were present bringing their shovels with them and actively participating in the ceremony.

The new addition, which will cost approximately \$450,000, will include a 750 seat main auditorium with balcony, Sunday School classrooms, administrative offices and a library.

Rev. Lawrence Fetzer is the pastor of this fine church. He is assisted by Brother Jim Neely. The Lord, in grace, has been blessing this work. It is a great testimony to the goodness of our God.

## Changes Name

The SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH of Cambridge, Ohio (Rev. Karl Gettman, Pastor) have changed their name to the GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH. Their mailing address - Box 214 and their street address remains the same - 215 Woodworth Avenue, Cambridge, Ohio - 43725.

Dr. Jeremiah's presentations will consist of a series of nine messages dealing with prophecy. His following messages will deal with the home and current trends. An effort will be made to relate to the viewers and to meet their needs.

Paul Gathany states that Cedarville College currently has twelve stations over which to air the programs. Advertising and promotion is under way now to place the programs on more stations. Hopes are high that this venture will be well-received and will lead to an extension of the weekly programs.

### PASTORS CONFERENCE

The ninth annual Cedarville College Pastor's Conference will be held September 13 - 16 on the Cedarville College campus. Guest speakers will be Dr. Howard Sugden, pastor of South Baptist Church in Lansing, Michigan; and Dr. Charles U. Wagner, president of Northwest Baptist Seminary and pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Tacoma, Washington.

A new feature of the conference this year is that for the first time pastor's wives are being invited to come with their husbands. In addition to having workshops specially designed for pastor's wives, activities include a tour of the Air Force Museum in Dayton and a picnic in John Bryan State Park.

Dr. Sugden will be speaking on the theme "The Pastor in Today's World." His messages will include "Priorities in a Pastor's Life," "The Power of the Parsonage," and "The Pastor's Adequacy."

Dr. Wagner will consider, "The Pastor in the Study," dealing with pastor's home life and the ways and means the pastor's wife can help in his study and message preparation; and "The Pastor in the Field," discussing the pastor's personal evangelism as well as his regular pastoral calls.

Mrs. Sugden will discuss the priorities, responsibilities, pressures and joys of a pastor's wife during her three workshops for wives. Mrs. Wagner will also present two workshops with her husband.

Other speakers for the conference from Cedarville College will be: Mr. Lee C. Turner, Director of Development; Dr. Robert Gromacki, Chairman of the Bible Department; and Dr. Clifford Johnson, Academic Dean.

## Teachers Needed

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Cedarville College feels its ministry is to prepare and equip students with an educational foundation and background of experience that will help them face the situations they will encounter on the mission field in a way that honors the Lord.

### INFORMATION AND INSPIRATION

Students are informed about missions as missionaries speak to them in chapel and individually. Each spring a week-long Mission Conference is held on campus.

### INSTRUCTION

Providing a well-rounded education is the best way to train a missionary. Cedarville offers Comprehensive and Pre-Seminary Bible programs, Biblical and modern foreign languages and missions courses. A strong liberal arts emphasis includes many majors that can be used by the general missionary or missions specialist.

### INTERNSHIPS

Team ministries are available in Africa, Australia, Brazil and The Philippines. Students participate in individual and small group experiences in many different home and foreign mission settings. Some student teaching assignments are available overseas in schools for missionary children. More than 150 have participated in the school's Missionary Internship Service program.

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## ACROSS THE STATE

### FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, AMHERST—

Vacation Bible school was held August 11-20. Our theme was "Life and Liberty in Jesus Christ". We appreciated greatly the ministry of Rev. Carson Fremont (ABWE-Hong Kong). We held an AWANA banquet for our clubbers and their parents.

### IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, ARCANUM—

Scott and Robin De Waite-Doug and Karen Weaver, recently shared their burden for the country of Chad. The Lord willing they will be serving there this coming year. Mrs. Bert Frye, chalk artist, spoke at our Mother/Daughter banquet. Our PRO-TEENS have just ended their first year. They celebrated this with a banquet at Hagerstown, Indiana. The Lord gave us a good season with our AWANA young people. We are thankful for the many who were saved in our youth programs.

### SOUTH CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH, ATHENS—

We had a very good Vacation Bible School May 31 through June 4. Miss Pat Barkley (ABWE-Bangladesh) spoke at our Mother/Daughter banquet.

### WALNUT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, BALTIMORE—

We were led in a Bible Conference by Dr. Robert Gromacki of Cedarville College. He taught concerning the present "Charismatic Confusion". We held our Vacation Bible School in early August.

### BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, BEDFORD—

Our ladies enjoyed their Mother/Daughter banquet. We held a Family Bible School here during June. This was greatly appreciated by young and old alike.

### BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH—

The men and boys of our church had a good time at their Father/Son banquet on June 19. We recently received one of our members, Mr. Lee Grosh, to preach the gospel. We held our annual Vacation Bible School August 2 through 6.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BLANCHESTER—

One of our members, Dr. Van Gilder, ministered here in late May. We had a good Vacation Bible School June 7-11. Rev. Don Worch (Baptist Children's Home) spoke here on June 6th.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BOWLING GREEN—

Mike and Joanne Coyle led us in a successful "KIDS CONFERENCE". "THE DEFENDERS FIVE" of Baptist Bible College (Clarks Summit, Penna.) were with us on July 18. Our church had a booth at the Wood County Fair and we were able to witness to many. Bob and Janice Norton, missionaries to Brazil, were with us August 26th. We are looking forward to having "The Sears Family" here on October 3rd.

### NEW HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH, CALDWELL—

Recent guest speakers include Rev. Edward Spencer and Dr. Robert Gromacki, both of Cedarville College. Miss Pat Barkley (ABWE-Bangladesh) was the missionary for our Vacation Bible School.

### PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH, CANTON—

We held a Junior/Senior banquet on May 28. Miss Cindy DeBrosse, missionary to the Philippines, ministered here. A group of our young people attended a Cleveland Indians baseball game. About 25 of our young people (of our area churches) presented a patriotic musicale entitled "Youth Finale '76". Missionary Jim Lass ministered here on July 11 and we held our Vacation Bible School July 12-16.

### WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, CANTON—

Rev. Dean Henry (Akron) spoke at one of our Prayer Breakfasts. Soloist Alan McGill presented "Evangelism in Music". We were pleased to hear Brother John Vanden Akker, missionary to Liberia. Also, Rev. and Mrs. William Fusco were with us on July 11th.

### GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, CEDARVILLE—

Rev. Don Messenger, Representative of the Baptist Children's Home in Kouts, Indiana, brought a series of messages to our adults at our Vacation Bible School June 14-18. He discussed—"Christ In The Psalms".

### CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

We were privileged to have missionaries here representing Baptist Mid-Missions. We regret to announce that our pastor, Rev. William C. McKeever, has resigned. His last Sunday with us was August 29.

### HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

Baptist Mid-Missions missionaries spoke here on Sunday, July 25th. We held our Vacation Bible School June 21-25.

### IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

Our choir presented the cantata—"I Love America". We honored all of our graduates at a "Youth Night" service. Vacation Bible School was held June 14-18. "The Collegians"—a quar-

ter (male) from Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit, Penna. sang here.

### MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

Brother Murray Murdoch of Cedarville College ministered here. We also had the privilege of sitting under the preaching of Rev. Robert Anthony. Brother Anthony is the Assistant to our pastor—Dr. William Brock.

### MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

We dedicated our new multi-purpose building on June 13. We held our Vacation Bible School June 14-16. "The Collegians" of Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit, Penna. sang here. Our choir presented the cantata—"I Love America". We had teams from Baptist Mid-Missions with us on July 25. During the month of August our young people conducted FIVE DAY CLUBS here in Columbus.

### PINE HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

"The Lingles" missionaries to Japan, were with us July 6 and 7. On Sunday, July 25th, missionaries and candidates with Baptist Mid-Missions ministered here. Our pastor, Brother Frank Euler, Jr., has resigned this work.

### COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON—

We were led in a "Parent-Teen" crusade by Evangelist Jere Brubaker. Recent guest speakers include: Mr. Dale Huggman, Mr. Mike Bentley, Mr. C. David Bogue, Dr. Jim Entner (ABWE-Philippines) and Mr. T. A. Anderson. Mrs. John Halvorsen showed slides of the Holy Land.

### EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON—

Recent guest speakers include Rev. Kenneth Farnsworth, Rev. David Fisher and Missionary Donald Hare (ABWE-Brazil). We will be holding a Youth Retreat September 3-5 with Brother Paul Dixon as guest speaker. Also, Evangelist Disson will be with us for special meetings September 5 through 12. Brother Bill Broughton, pastor of the Lake Harbour Baptist Church, Muskegon, Michigan will be with us for these meetings. He will be our song leader.

### WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CH., DAYTON—

Our choir presented a cantata—"America, My Country". Vacation Bible School was held June 14-18. In our Sunday School we are presenting "Summer Elective Studies". A few of the courses offered are: "The Role of the Christian Man in the Home", "The Panorama of the Bible", "Christian Discipleship", "The Beginning and the End of Planet Earth" and "America—One Nation Under God."

### LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, DUNDEE—

We were led in a "Family Life Conference" by Rev. Don Worch of the Baptist Children's Home. Our young people had a good time at their Junior/Senior Youth Banquet. We held our Vacation Bible School August 16-20.

### PLEASANT HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, EAST LIVERPOOL—

We had a good Vacation Bible School. A surprise party was held for Pastor and Mrs. Albertson on their 25th wedding anniversary.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ELYRIA—

On June 6 we held a special service honoring our graduates. Mr. Allan Roberts from Sydney, Australia was with us for this day. Brother Leigh Adams (Baptist Mid-Missions) spoke here on June 20. Our Adult and Teen choirs presented the cantata—"I Love America". "The Collegians" from Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit, Penna. sang here on August 11.

### FOSTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH—

Recent guest speakers include Red. Edward Spencer and Dr. Jack Riggs—both of Cedarville College. Also, Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat ministered here while our pastor Rev. Vernon Billington was away on vacation. Mrs. Moffat (Lois) presented a "Piano Mini-Concert" at the evening service.

### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, FINDLAY—

Missionary Jay Walsh (ABWE-Bangladesh) was with us in late May. He and his family are now back in Bangladesh. We enjoyed the music presented by the Bob Jones University Brass Ensemble. We viewed the film—"My Son, My Son".

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GALION—

Rev. Jack Mount of Phoenix Arizona, spoke here on July 11. On the 26th of July we were privileged to have a quartet from the Philadelphia College of the Bible. We also viewed a slide presentation of the work of the Fellowship of Baptist for Home Missions among the Navajo Indians.

### FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, GALLIPOLIS—

Our Junior High Boy's trio captured second place honors in the Vocal Group Nationals at Word of Life. Two bus loads of people from our Berean Bible and Faith Fellowship classes had a good time at King's Island.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GALLIPOLIS—

Our Associate Pastor, Rev. Harry E. Cole, has resigned his position here to become a member

of the Staff at Cedarville College. The Lord blessed our Vacation Bible School which was held June 7-16.

### MIDVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, GRAFTON—

We voted to build a lobby addition to the front of our church. It will include a new nursery and Pastor's study. We are busy distributing Gospels of John to our community homes.

### HINCKLEY RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH, HINCKLEY—

Our youth group had a Seminar and Youth Rally at our church on May 22. Our Father and Sons took part in their annual Canoe Trip on the Mohican River. Vacation Bible School this year was June 16-24. The Prairie Bible Institute's "Men of Song" were with us at our special church-wide pot-luck supper on June 8. Former Pastor and Mrs. Walter Ribbe visited Hinckley for a few days in June. He looked wonderful after having had open-heart surgery. He spoke at our mid-week service.

### HUNTSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—

"The Dave Toros" (ABWE-Australia) were with us on May 30th. Our brother presented a challenge showing the great need for the gospel in Australia.

### FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, KENTON—

We had a good Vacation Bible School June 14-18. Our church made a beautiful float which appeared in our town's Bicentennial parade.

### GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, LIMA—

Miss Edith Phillips, missionary appointee to Bangladesh under ABWE, told us of her call to that land. Our "Fathers and Sons" had a great time at their "Canoe Overnighter". It was lots of fun!

### EUCLID AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, LORAIN—

Rev. Robert Evans, former missionary to the Philippines and now serving as a Home Missionary under F.B.H.M. told of their work in Springdale, Arkansas. Pastor Williams attended the World Congress of Fundamentalists held in Edinburgh, Scotland. Brother Ken Davis, missionary candidate under Baptist Mid-Missions ministered here in late June.

### FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH, LORAIN—

Mr. Gale Kuns was with us on May 23rd. He also led us in a Teen Leaders Seminar. We enjoyed the Spring concert presented by our choir. We held our Vacation Bible School August 9 through 13. Hiawatha Baptist Missions' missionary, Brother Dale Sanders, was with us on July 18. We have called Rev. Allan Vine to be our pastor. His first Sunday with us was August 15.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MEDINA—

Rev. Roger Bacon, missionary to Quebec, spoke here May 9th. The Cedarville College choir presented a concert on May 22nd. We held a special "Graduate Service" honoring our High School and College graduates. Also, Rev. Ken Davis, missionary to the American blacks spoke here.

### BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, NEWARK—

We held a very successful Sunday School contest—"The Stars and Stripes for the Glory of God". Two teams—"the Stars" and "the Stripes" competed. The Brass Choir of Cedarville College presented a concert here recently. Also, "The Collegians", a quartet from Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit, Penna. sang here. We held our Vacation Bible School July 14-23.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NILES—

We had a good time at our Sunday School picnic on July 31st. Brother Ken Starrett led us in an AWANA seminar August 31 through September 1st.

### NORTHFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our choir, under the direction of Sue Baker, presented a concert on Sunday evening, June 6th. Hearts were blessed. A brief time of fellowship followed the concert honoring several member families who will be leaving our church this summer and moving to different parts of the country.

### BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTH MADISON—

During May we broke all previous Sunday School records. We had very good meetings with Pastor Carl LeTurco of Grove City. We held a special Bicentennial service on June 13 at which time we viewed the film—"In God We Trust". Miss Gladys Baines spoke at our Missionary Family Night. Brother Ken Starrett led our AWANA leaders in a three hour seminar.

### NORTH OLMSTED BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our ladies enjoyed their Mother/Daughter banquet. The Lord gave us a good Vacation Bible School. This was held June 14 through 18. Rev. Stephen Curtis (F.B.H.M.) ministered here on June 20th. Also, Missionary Charles Alexander (F.B.H.M.) spoke here. We celebrated our 20th anniversary as a church on May 30th.

### CAMDEN BAPTIST CHURCH, OBERLIN—

Brother John Norris, a student at Tennessee Temple Schools, is serving as our Minister of Youth this summer. We held our Vacation Bible School July 19-30. "The Singing Ramseys" family provided an interesting program at our Father/Son banquet.

### BETHEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH, ORANGE VILLAGE—

Doug Miller, Word of Life missionary to France spoke here on June 2nd. The "Song of Praise", a singing group from Western Conservative Baptist Seminary was here July 16. We will be led in a Bible Conference September 17-19 by Dr. John C. Whitcomb of Grace Theological Seminary. Dr. Robert Gromacki of Cedarville College ministered here on July 25th. We held our Vacation Bible School August 16-20.

### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, PAINESVILLE—

On June 20th, Scott and Robin DeWitt along with Doug and Karen Weaver spoke telling us of their burden for the Chad. "The Collegians" from Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit, Penna. sang here on June 25. We enjoyed the

ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Waldo as they told us of their work in Assam, India. "The Proclamations" a singing group from the Grand Rapids Baptist College sang here. Other guest speakers include Rev. Earl Umbaugh and Rev. Tom Adolph. We had a good Vacation Bible School August 9-13.

### TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH—

We were led in a Christian Life Conference May 2 through 7 by Dr. Hugh Hall of Bellefontaine, Ohio. Our Sunday School picnic was a lot of fun. It was held on June 12. We enjoyed having "the Proclamation" singers from Grand Rapids Baptist College.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RITTMAN—

Our Father/Son banquet was held June 29. We had Miss Jeanne Waring, missionary appointee under Baptist Mid-Missions, to the blind. Miss Waring, herself, is blind. Also, Miss Cindy DeBrosse, missionary under ABWE was here. The Dave Toros, ABWE missionaries to Australia ministered. We have called Rev. David Welshams to be our pastor. He pastored in Fort Wayne, Indiana prior to coming here. He and his family are now in Rittman.

### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, SALEM—

We had a good Vacation Bible School. It was directed by Rev. and Mrs. Harold Little of Springboro, Penns. One of our pastor's daughters is working with Rev. and Mrs. Terry Tufts (ABWE) in Brazil. The Lord is blessing the ministry of our pastor—Rev. Fred Robb.

### BLESSED HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD—

Recent guest speakers include Brother Steve Combs and Missionary Donald Hare (ABWE-Brazil). Rev. Clifford Lones was with us on July 7th. He brought a message and showed slides of Israel. Mr. Rick Miesse presented a musical concert on July 4th. We held a Father/Son cookout on July 24th. We were led in a KIDS KRUSADE with Mr. and Mrs. Brandenburg for Primary through Junior High youth. At a special congregational meeting it was voted to pay off the money due on our new property just as quickly as is possible. Also, we are enlarging the entrance to our church and are making certain improvements in our church auditorium.

### SOUTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD—

Our pastor, Rev. Joseph M. Stowell, III, has resigned and is now pastoring in Kokomo, Indiana. We have asked Dr. J. Murray Murdock of Cedarville College to serve as Interim Pastor until we call another full-time pastor. Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat ministered here on Sunday, August 15. We held our Vacation Bible School August 16-27.

### FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, STREETSBORO—

Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat spoke here on Sunday, August 22nd. Mrs. Moffat (Lois) presented a number of piano solos. The Lord is blessing the ministry of our pastor—Rev. William L. Moser.

### THE FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CH., TALLMADGE—

We held a banquet honoring our graduates on June 4. Rev. Vernon Chandler, missionary to Japan, was with us on June 27. Our men and boys had a good time at their Father/Son banquet. We held special children's meetings with Brother Randy Powers August 16-20. Brother Powers is an able speaker and a magician.

### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, TIFFIN—

We entered a float in the local Bicentennial parade and received the God and Country trophy. The theme of our float was—"Strong Church, Strong Faith, Strong Nation". On July 4th we had a carry-in dinner at the church and the Sunday School presented a patriotic program. We greatly enjoy our lovely new auditorium.

### BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO—

We held a Sunday School picnic on June 26. We had a Piedmont College musical group with us on June 20. Some of our men and boys attended a Detroit/Kansas City baseball game. They had a great time!

### EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO—

We held a Father/Son Ox Roast on June 11 and 12. Rev. Harold Amstutz (ABWE-Candidate Secretary) spoke at our first Emmanuel Baptist High School graduation. Missionary David Toro (ABWE-Australia) presented his work in Australia. On July 4th our Holiday Musicales Choir presented the cantata—"I Love America". This was under the direction of our Minister of Music—Don Krueger.

### GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO—

On July 4 our choir presented the cantata—"I Love America". We recently held a commissioning service for Mike and Sharon Williams. Rev. Frank Hartwig (ABWE-Philippines) was the guest speaker for this occasion. Brother Ken Starrett spoke at our AWANA Awards dinner.

### VIENNA BAPTIST CHURCH—

We held our Vacation Bible School July 19-23. Our ladies enjoyed their Mother/Daughter banquet. We had a good time at our Sunday School picnic on July 3rd. We call July 4th—"Liberty Day". The services of this day was highlighted by six baptisms. Tom and Nancy Farlow, teachers in the Pan American Academy, Sao Paulo, Brazil, presented their work to our people. Missionaries Scott and Robin DeWitt and Doug and Karen Weaver (ABWE) were with us for our Vacation Bible School. We had three souls who professed Christ and were able, also, to raise \$434.79 as a gift.

### BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, WARREN—

Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat spoke here on July 4th. Mrs. Moffat (Lois) presented a number of piano solos.



## Informissions Conference Plans Finalized For 1976

"The Son Shall Make Them Free!" is the theme adopted for the Informissions '76 Conference which is scheduled to be held December 27 - 31, 1976, on the campus of Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Realizing the deep interest which our fundamental Bible believing churches have in their young people, it is the desire of the Informissions Board to make known the ministry of Informissions to as many churches as possible. It is with this in mind that this article is written for the Ohio Independent Baptist.

Rev. Donald Trott, II, former missionary to Hong Kong and Director of the Executive Committee of Informissions, stated, "We who are involved in preparing and planning Informissions '76 have a keen desire to work with college-age adults in screening them into the center of God's will. The heartbeat of our Savior - missions - lies heavily upon our hearts, and we want to convey this in a vivid way to all who attend Informissions '76." Rev. Trott went on to say that "this (Informissions '76) could be one of the greatest student awakenings for world evangelization ever to assemble in our time!" Informissions -- information about missions -- is designed to be an orderly presentation of mission principles and basics to the college age adult. The stated objectives reaffirmed by the Informissions Board are: To provide missions information and challenge on a firm foundation of Biblical principles and on a high spiritual and intellectual level; to provide missions information and challenge fully oriented to the local church, Biblical separation and Baptist distinctives with the expressed hope that the Holy Spirit would call many young people to the ministry of the Word through worldwide missions.

Program chairman Dr. Paul Beals, former Baptist Mid-Missions' missionary to the Central African Republic and now professor of missions at Grand Rapids Baptist College, has submitted a very interesting program which should be a real challenge to those attending the Conference. It is to be inaugurated with the keynote address by Dr. Don Jennings, International Director of Enrichment and Evangelism for the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. On the ensuing mornings a

### GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, WESTLAKE--

Former pastor, Rev. Doug Couch, spoke here on June 20th. He told of their work, under Baptist Mid-Missions, in Australia. Dr. Kenneth Muck, President of F.B.H.M. ministered here July 4th. We recently viewed the film "Burnt Earth". Our Vacation Bible School was held August 16-20 and 23-27. Rev. and Mrs. Willard Stull (ABWE-Brazil) will be with us for our Missionary Conference September 26-29. Our choir presented the cantata "I Love America". We are now in the process of completing our third unit a Christian Education wing. It will include two departments, one Sunday School classroom, a new church office and a new study for our pastor-Rev. Ralph Burns.

**WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH--** The Lord gave us a good Vacation Bible School July 12-16. A singing group from Piedmont Baptist College was here on June 29th. This summer we viewed the films "Discipline In the Home", "Sandcastles" and "The Christian Home".

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, WILLOWICK

Dr. William E. Kuhnle was with us on July 4th. His ministry was a blessing. We had a very good vacation Bible School this summer. Recent speakers at our church include Brother Earl Umbaugh our State missionary for Ohio and, Dr. Allan Lewis, President of Baptist Mid-Missions. Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat will be with us this Fall for special meetings. Our pastor, Rev. Bernard Flanagan and his wife have begun their eighth year with our church. The Lord has seen fit to richly bless their ministry. Besides serving as pastor, the Lord has used him in recruiting chaplains for the Civil Air Patrol. He has been very active in our new church program headed by Rev. Umbaugh.

### EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, XENIA--

On July 4, we held a special Ice Cream Fellowship at the home of our pastor, Rev. R. William Wheeler. We had a delightful time. A quartet from Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit, Penna. sang here on July 13. Plans are moving right along for the Fall program of our Xenia Christian Day School. All the needed teachers have been acquired for the next term.

Bible study is programmed, followed by a two-hour plenary session including a panel and a question-answer period.

These plenary sessions will deal primarily with the question, What has been accomplished in worldwide missions to this point in time? The evening sessions will speak to the question, What needs to be done from this point and beyond?

A total of 18 afternoon workshops will treat specific areas of concern facing the missionary and missionary-to-be. These will be give-and-take sessions with workshop leaders who "have been there."

A few of the workshop titles are: A Woman's Role in Missions Today, The Role of Social Action in Missions Today, Campus Ministries in Missions Today, The Role of Home Missions Today, The Political Context of Missions Today, Black Churches in Missions Today, and The Benefits of Baptist Mission Boards.

The program will begin on Monday evening and run through the week, closing with a watchnight commitment service and musical presentation on New Year's Eve.

The first Informission conference, held on December 27-31, 1974, was attended by 557 collegiates, faculty members and missionaries representing 37 universities and six mission boards. Missionaries from Chile, Hong Kong, Bangladesh, the Niger, Liberia, France, Brazil and the U.S. participated as featured speakers or seminar leaders.

The Informissions Board encourages as many college students as possible to attend this unique conference on Missions. Every part of the program is planned and geared to challenge the young adult for missions.

For further information, simply write: Informissions

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### Youth Build Display



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The "PRO-TEENS" of the Calvary Baptist Church, Oberlin, Ohio (Rev. Allen Curtis, Pastor) worked all Spring building a Bicentennial display for their church. The display shown above is their finished product. It now stands on the church lawn of the Calvary Baptist Church.

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Congratulations to the first graduating class of the Emmanuel Baptist High School, Toledo, Ohio, who marched down the aisle to the music of Pomp and Circumstance and received their diplomas on June 8, 1976. The school band and choir supplied special music and Mr. Harold Amstutz, Candidate Secretary for ABWE, was the guest speaker.

One week after graduation the bulldozers started clearing the property for the new High School facilities which should be ready for occupancy early in 1977.

Emmanuel Baptist Schools have grown in the last ten years from 11 students in 1967 and will open their doors this September to a record high of 565.

The graduating seniors in the above picture will be furthering their education in the fall at schools listed by their names. Left to right: Dawn Wetmore, Bob Jones; R. D. Johnson, Grand Rapids B.B.C.; Cindy (Ashbridge) Buckingham, B. B. C. of Pa.; Karen Sewell, Cedarville; Tom Smith, Tennessee Temple; Brenda Batten, B.B.C. of Pa.; Debbie Christopher; Jeff Davey, Toledo University.

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# Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. Earl Umbaugh — Women's Editor—

## Open My Eyes To Behold

"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof. . . ." Psalm 24: 1, 4  
and I Corinthians 10: 26, 28.

Summer is a special, beautiful time! Let us enjoy its fruit and forget its labor. I read a book title this summer -- "Never Miss A Sunset". It drew me up short to realize I miss many beautiful sunsets because at that time of day I am preparing the evening meal. So why not rearrange things, I thought, so we can see and enjoy the sunsets. We were on our vacation on the "Beautiful River" (the Indian name - Caloosahatchee) at the time. Such beauty we began to see and enjoy! I've offered a new kind of prayer: "Lord, teach me to enjoy thy creation, as well as to be concerned with thy creature, man".

Whether one observes a great live oak weeping with Florida moss or a gorgeously arrayed pair of tiny painted buntings, a wide Caloosahatchee or the narrow winding Telegraph Creek, a rushing mighty Niagara or a slow meandering stream, a graceful deer or a busy little ant, a soaring hawk or a fluttering butterfly, a giant eagle or a tiny humming bird, the caw of a crow or the sweet song of a wren, a cool soft summer breeze or a crushing roaring thunderstorm.

So whether you spend your summer by the seashore, the mountains, the lake or your own back yard one can observe and praise God for His handiwork. "Our Father chose to keep the mighty red woods clustered together for their security in a continent changing with man's entity."

I've read with new appreciation these days the Psalmist's description of our Mighty God in Psalm 104 and there swells up within me the song of praise. . . . "Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the world thy hands have made. . . . then sings my soul -- How Great Thou Art. . . . and what am I that THOU art mindful of me!

## West Moriah Fellowship

"Proclaim Liberty" was a fitting theme for the West Moriah Women's Missionary Fellowship. As the ladies gathered in the lovely new auditorium of the Bible Baptist Church, Newark, Ohio they enjoyed a spiritual blessing in songs of praise led by Marcia Elmore and Mrs. Norlan Frye, accompanist. Special music was furnished by the Bible Baptist Rainbow Four and Mrs. Gene Greene of Clintonville Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio.

The morning thrust was "Starting New Churches" with West Moriah's newest one represented with the pastors' wives sitting on a panel. Mrs. Frank Odor served as Moderator. The panel consisted of Mrs. Tom Baxter (Fallsburg Baptist Church), Mrs. Dain Canterbury (Walnut Creek Baptist Church - Baltimore), Mrs. Mark Chandler (Calvary Baptist Church - Delaware), Mrs. Gus Guthrie (Rocky Fork Baptist Church - Gahanna), Mrs. Gary Hohman (Faith Baptist Church - Commercial Point) and Mrs. George Myers (Cherry Creek Baptist Church - Columbus).

The project was "A Freezer for the Baxters". This was a huge success with \$190 being used toward filling the freezer.



"The Tom Baxters" and their lovely new freezer -- loaded with lots and lots of meat.

The afternoon speaker was Mrs. Thomas Wills of Central African Republic.

There were 106 women and 24 children present for this rally, as well as 35 pastors and laymen who were meeting separately in recognition council for the new Calvary Baptist Church of Delaware.

A "carry-in" dinner was enjoyed by the ladies and the men's meeting also shared in this. A special treat was brought by Mrs. Helen Harris of the Fallsburg Baptist Church - Old Time Mountaineer Hickory Nut Raisin Cake. (Editor's Note: We will be running the recipe for this cake in a future issue of the O.I.B.)

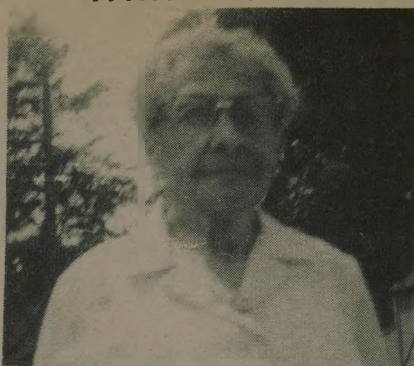
Newly elected officers for the coming year were: Mrs. Frank Odor (Bible Baptist Church, Newark, President), Mrs. Wm Bowers (Bible Mission Baptist Church, Reynoldsburg, First Vice President), Mrs. Robert Yankovich (Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus, Second Vice President), Mrs. Richard Regan (Bible Mission Baptist Church, Reynoldsburg, Secretary), and Mrs. James Horne (Pine Hills Baptist Church, Columbus, Treasurer). All were incumbents except Mrs. Yankovich. Mrs. Donald Winters (Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus) was Chairman of the nominating committee.

The September 1st rally will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ohio. Rev. B. C. Jennings is pastor of this church.

## OARBC Women's Missionary Union Officers

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## 'With The Lord'



Many readers of our paper - THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST were acquainted with Mrs. Charles W. (Isa) Witherstine.

Our sister went to be with the Lord on May 1st of this year. She was ninety years old. She was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church in Warren, (Rev. Kenneth Romig, Pastor). While in the church, she was most active both in Sunday School and the Ladies Missionary Circle. For the past several years she had been honored as the oldest mother in the Warren church.

## Flash! Flash!

Miss Beth Odor, missionary to Niger Republic, West Africa, under Evangelical Baptist Missions, was flown to the states July 27 for medical treatment after being hospitalized in Niamey, Niger. She was admitted to the Cleveland Clinic Hospital the following day where, at this writing (Aug. 4), she continues to undergo tests. Mrs. Helen Bechtel, co-worker, took a 12-day leave to accompany Miss Odor on the trip and care for her needs.

Miss Odor, scheduled for furlough to begin in September, didn't even have a chance to go home to pack her bags. Mrs. Bechtel, however, packed for her. The French doctor in Niamey advised the emergency flight. She will be recuperating at the home of her sister, Mrs. Robert Kannenberg, 1613 E. Royalton Rd., Grafton, Ohio 44044.

## Hebron Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Lucy Wright, 13913 Delaware Drive, Strongsville, Ohio - 44136 (Phone: 216-238-7355) has slides available for you to use in your local Women's Missionary Fellowship to present your new Hebron Women's Fellowship project -- WOMEN'S DORMITORY FOR THE AMAZON BAPTIST SEMINARY IN BRAZIL.

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## WOMEN'S RETREATS O.A.R.B.C.

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September 9, 10, 11 - Cost \$15.00

**Chairman** Mrs. Susan Renshaw  
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### SKYVIEW RANCH #1

September 16, 17, 18 - Cost \$15.00

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September 23, 24, 25 - Cost \$15.00

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### MOHICAN STATE PARK

November 11, 12 - Cost \$21.25

**Chairman** Mrs. Bertha Moore  
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## Guest Speakers Women's Retreat

### SCIOTOHILLS BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

Sept. 9, 10, 11

Bible Teacher-Mildred Bryant-"Faith Applied in Areas of a Woman's Life"  
Missionary-Gladys Baines, Baptist Mid-Missions

### SKYVIEW RANCH No. 1

Sept. 16, 17, 18

Bible Teacher-Ruth Hege-"Bethel, to be used of God"  
Missionary-Carolyn Gleason, Venezuela

### SKYVIEW RANCH No. 2

Sept. 23, 24, 25

Bible Teacher-Gladys Baines, Baptist Mid-Missions  
Missionary-Mrs. Joel Kettenring, Jamaica

### CAMP PATMOS

Sept. 23, 24, 25

Bible Teacher-Mrs. William Kuhnle, Des Plaines, Illinois  
Missionary-Mrs. Beverly Toro, Australia

### MOHICAN LODGE

November 11, 12

Bible Teacher-Mrs. Yvonne Pickering-"Let Us Love One Another"

### Special Notice Women's Retreats

Ladies: The "retreats" held at Scioto Hills, Skyview Ranch and Camp Patmos - these ALL - cost \$15.00 each. The "retreat" held at the Mohican Lodge - Mohican State Park costs \$21.50.

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## National GARBC Conference Report

Editor's Note: We praise the Lord for His continued blessing on our General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. Your editor was not able to attend this conference, however, we have spoken to many who did. Every report given us was a "glowing report"! There was a sweet spirit of unanimity and a determination to continue moving ahead to the glory of God. Read this report in full. It will bless your heart.

The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches (GARBC) met in annual session at the Seattle Center Opera House, June 21-25, 1976. Over 1,400 messengers from the church registered for the business sessions. Peak attendance reached 2,800 on Thursday evening as approximately 600 college and high school youth attended the Youth Day programs.

Among the items of business acted upon by the Association messengers was the relocation of the home office which is presently in Des Plaines, Illinois. The new site is 10 miles west, in Schaumburg, Illinois. Tentative moving dates are late November or early December.

The finals of the national Talents for Christ contest were held in conjunction with the Youth Day program. First-place winners in each of eleven categories received one-year tuition scholarships to any of the six GARBC-approved colleges. Second-place winners received half-year tuition scholarships.

Forty-nine new churches were received into the Association during the conference, bringing the total number of churches to 1,528.

Other reports given to the assembled messengers included the approved mission agencies, colleges and social agencies. All of these institutions and agencies are independent and receive annual approval from the Association as good outlets for missionary giving for the churches.

The missionary committee reported that the five approved mission agencies (Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, Baptist Mid-Missions, Evangelical Baptist Missions, Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions and Hiawatha Baptist Missions) now have 1,915 missionaries, including 1,489 on the field, 188 on furlough and 238 accepted candidates. Another 79 are now on the inactive or retired list. They further reported receiving over \$14.5 million for the work of missions around the world. Regular Baptist missionaries are serving in more than 50 foreign countries, the United States and Canada. Church planting is their ultimate goal.

On the educational scene, the Association now approves seven institutions of higher learning:

Baptist Bible College of Penna. and Baptist Bible School of Theology, Clarks Summit, Pa.  
Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio  
Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa  
Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary, Grand Rapids, Mich.  
Los Angeles Baptist College, Newhall, Calif.  
Northwest Baptist Seminary, Tacoma, Wash.  
Western Baptist Bible College, Salem, Ore.

The schools reported a total of 4,468 students enrolled during the past academic year.

There are also four social agencies approved by the Association. The Baptist Children's Home of Valparaiso, Indiana, provides child care and foster home placement, adoptive ministry, a home for unwed mothers and family counseling service. The Michigan Christian Home Association of Grand Rapids offers a home for senior citizens. The Regular Baptist Children's Agency of St. Louis, Michigan, provides child care, foster home placement, care for unwed mothers and family counseling services. Shepherds, Inc., a home and training school for the mentally retarded, is located in Union Grove, Wisconsin.

The international radio voice of the GARBC is "Living Reality," now heard on 60 stations in the United States, the West Indies and the Philippines. Dr. Joseph M. Stowell, National Representative, is the regular speaker on the

broadcast. Over 11,000 copies of the radio message booklets go out each month to listeners. Also heard periodically on the broadcast is Dr. William Kuhnle, Assistant to the National Representative.

The total number of chaplains, including those on active duty, Reserve Components, National Guard and the Civil Air Patrol, is 69. Of these 69 chaplains, 25 are currently on active duty.

The Baptist Builders' Club, which gives financial grants of up to \$5,000 to needy churches, reported that 12 churches had received grants totaling \$47,340 during the past fiscal year. Since the Club began, 386 churches have shared in grants totaling \$785,840.

One of the far-ranging ministries of the Association is Regular Baptist Press. Brought into existence 24 years ago by the express wish of the churches, the Press now serves over 4,600 churches. In addition to Sunday School literature, the Press publishes books, Vacation Bible School material and gospel tracts, and conducts Sunday School conferences. Gospel Literature Services supplies free literature to missionaries serving under GARBC-approved mission agencies as God provides the necessary funds. Literature was furnished to 24 foreign countries in addition to the USA. Two hundred fourteen literature projects were completed during this fiscal year, an increase of 101 over last year.

The following men were elected to serve on the Council of Eighteen, the administrative arm of the GARBC:

Dr. Fred Brock, Denver, Colo.  
Rev. Ralph Colas, Littleton, Colorado  
Dr. Mark Jackson, Waterloo, Iowa  
Rev. David Jeremiah, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Dr. Wendell Kempton, Cherry Hill, New Jersey  
Rev. David Moore, Cleveland, Ohio  
Dr. David Nettleton, Ankeny, Iowa  
Dr. Donald Sewell, Toledo, Ohio  
Rev. Gordon Shipp, Flint, Michigan.

Council members elected previously who continue to serve are:

Rev. Joseph Bower, Lapeer, Michigan  
Dr. L. Duane Brown, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania  
Dr. Floyd Davis, Cherry Hill, New Jersey  
Rev. Daniel Gelatt, Elkhart, Indiana  
Dr. J. Don Jennings, Ypsilanti, Michigan  
Dr. Wilbur Rooke, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania  
Dr. Paul Tassell, Des Moines, Iowa  
Rev. Donald Tyler, Brownsburg, Indiana  
Dr. G. Arthur Woolsey, Lakeland, Florida.

Dr. Mark Jackson was elected chairman of the Council; Dr. Paul Tassell, vice chairman; and Rev. Ralph Colas, secretary.

A number of resolutions were passed by the messengers from the churches, positioning the Association on issues of importance to

## To Teach At Faith Baptist

Rev. David Warren has resigned as pastor of the Champion Baptist Church, Warren, Ohio to accept a teaching position at the Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa. His position there will be Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministries.

Brother Warren attended Cedarville College and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.A. degree. He also received the President's trophy. He went on to Dallas Theological Seminary and received a Th.M. degree with a major in Hebrew.

He has served at the Champion Baptist Church since September 1st of 1968. The Lord richly blessed his ministry there. While serving as pastor, the church erected a lovely new parsonage. In fact, Pastor Warren helped much in the erecting of this structure.

"The Warrens" include Pastor Warren, his wife, Patricia, who also graduated from Cedarville College, and their four children. These are Janice, Cheryl, David and Mark.

A farewell for Rev. Warren and his family was held on July 4th with old-fashioned dress and an all-day picnic. At the evening service, Pastor Warren directed the church choir in the singing of the cantata - "I Love America". The Champion Baptist Church folk are convinced that Faith Baptist Bible College is getting one of the finest Bible Teachers around!

### Available For Meetings

Rev. Clayton J. Bates has resigned his pastorate at the Swissvale Baptist Church, Swissvale, Pennsylvania. He and his wife are moving back to the Akron, Ohio area. His ministry at Swissvale will be terminated Sunday, August 29.

Our brother would like to be used doing supply preaching or work as an Interim Pastor. Interested parties may contact him at his temporary address which is Rev. Clayton J. Bates, % Mrs. Mary Parr, 243 Wadsworth St., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio - 44221. Phone: 1-216-928-9739.

day. These were: "Keeping Our Perspective in Perilous Times", "The Rapture of the Church", "God's Order of the Sexes", "Personal Separation", "The Duty and Power of Prayer", "The Bible - The Word of God", "Personal Holiness", "The Ministry of the Word", "Ecclesiastical Separation", "Evangelism", "Morality In Government", and "Thanksgiving for America". (Note: Copies of these resolutions, if desired, can be obtained by writing - GARBC, 1800 Oakton Blvd., Des Plaines, Illinois - 60018.)

## Faith Baptist Bible College News

### CHORAL WORKSHOP

Faith's second annual Church Music Workshop is scheduled for September 17 and 18, 1976.

Participants in the workshop are the FBBC Music Faculty, guest pastor Dr. David Moore of Cleveland, Ohio, who will answer questions on the pastor's role in the church music program, and Mr. David Morrison, Minister of Music at Grandview Park Baptist Church in Des Moines.

The cost is \$12.00, of which \$5.00 is to accompany the pre-registration form prior to September 1. Those not wishing to receive a packet of materials may audit the Workshop for \$5.00.

The two-day session is designed to encourage church musicians through fellowship and sharing, to inform them of available materials and workable techniques, and to inspire them to aim for improvement in their individual programs.

### NEW FACULTY

Two new additions to the faculty, and one new administrator are Mr. Gilbert Braithwaite of Dallas, Texas; Mr. W. David Warren of Warren, Ohio; and Mr. Richard Fleming from Muskegon, Michigan.

Mr. Braithwaite is completing his work for a Th.D. in O. T. Language at Dallas Theological Seminary this summer.

Mr. Richard Fleming is returning to FBBC to serve as full-time Christian Service Director. He and his family left in 1973 to become assistant pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Muskegon.

### PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Available for sale are Dr. Gray's booklet entitled, Demons, which he presented at the annual Bible Conference in February. Two chorale records are also available. The new one, "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord," is \$6.00. The one from last year, "Speaking to Yourselves in Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs" is \$3.00. Both may be purchased through the Bookstore for \$7.00. Dr. Gray's booklet sells for \$.35.

### DR. NETTLETON HONORED

President David Nettleton received the Alumni Achievement Award for his alma mater, Juniata College.

In its centennial year, the college presented Alumni Achievement Awards to eleven graduates who have become seminary or college presidents. Dr. Nettleton received a certificate of achievement and an engraved bronze and wood wall plaque recognizing his achievements.

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## Missionary Teaching Experience

"Go to Africa? Me? Are you kidding?"

Yet there I was, knees knocking, on November 2, 1975, in France, getting on flight 867 for Niamey, Republic of Niger, West Africa. In addition to the usual things a passenger takes, I was carrying a promise of God in my heart, "Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest", Joshua 1:9.

The whole experience seemed like a dream. During my first eleven years of salvation, life flowed fairly smoothly. Then about 1972 my pastor asked a double-barrelled question. "Have you ever thought of going to Bible school?" and "Wouldn't you like to go?"

My answer to both of those questions was a flat, "No."

But the Lord had other plans and here I was on a plane, enrolled in the Christian School Education program at BBC, and on my way to student teaching in Niger! When classes began last fall, I was one of 31 students anticipating student teaching. BBC and Evangelical Baptist Missions, working cooperatively, arranged my teaching for 45 days in Niger.

With God's promises still in my heart and mind I deplaned at Niamey from Flight 867 at 3:15 a.m. Suddenly a thought struck me -- what if there were no one here to meet me? After all it was 3:15 in the morning! What would I do? A good old American, "Hi!" accompanied by the faces of E.B.M. missionaries interrupted my nightmarish thought.

Not one of my days in Niger was spent in exactly the same way, but each was wonderful and all too short. McCaba Academy soon became familiar territory. The contacts there renewed my desire that Christ be seen in my life at all times. The eyes of seven students and Mrs. Robert Cowley, my supervising teacher, were watching me and once in a while there were visitors who came to observe as well.

Life at McCaba Academy is a little different from most Stateside Christian schools. For example, our reading groups seemed to excite the local lizard population and they scurried around trying to participate daily in our activities. They were not completely disruptive however, and I praise the Lord for what I learned from a good teacher and seven bright, active, American M. K.s.

In Niamey I lived with the Heath Bobbetts and had lunch each day with the David Nunemakers. The Bobbetts, both graduates of BBC, showed me the EBM work in Niamey and we took some weekend excursions to the bush villages to visit the American and African missionaries. On the bush trips I saw and learned a number of new things, e.g., how to pound grain, cook African style, sleep under a mosquito net tent, love the people, and I even had the privilege to ride on an African Cadillac, more familiarly known as a camel.

Every morning in Niamey at 5:00 a.m., a loud speaker helped eject us from our beds with real gusto. The five o'clock blast was only the first of several daily Moslem prayer calls. By hurrying outside we could watch the people prepare for prayer. They filled a small container with water to wash their bodies, always careful to face toward Mecca. This rite is performed to cleanse from sin and thus to ready themselves for prayer. How tragic that all this conscientious effort is in vain. Observing these prayer times, I realized it is for these religious, but lost Moslems, those enthusiastic and dedicated EBM missionaries leave families and friends to follow their Lord's leading. Why should such educated, talented people choose to suffer the intense heat of the desert? Why should they choose inconvenience, disease and all the rest? The answer was obvious. These were men and women who themselves had heard the good news of salvation and were daily experiencing its blessings. They carry an intense burden to share the Saviour with the multitude of lost souls.

I was privileged to visit the EBM French school for national children where Florence Houck, a BBC grad, is principal. The six-room school is staffed by six African teachers. It is quite a sight to see over 300 children come flying across the fields to their school. Even more of a marvel is the fact that the Nigerian children seem to have no problem walking five miles with a whole stack of books on their heads. Ever tried to balance one book on your head to walk across a room?

Maybe you think that if you had to walk five miles you wouldn't go to school. You would if only 10% of the children in your country ever had that opportunity!

Would I ever return to Africa? Me? Me? You bet I would. The Lord lovingly leads in such wonderful ways and if He should direct my paths to Africa again I know I can continue to rely upon His promises to be with me whithersoever I go.

... Miss Mary Ann Humphrey

## Troy Church Calls Director Of Youth And Music



The Earl Westbrooks

Beginning May 30, Grace Baptist Church, Troy, Ohio, added to its staff, Rev. Earl J. Westbrook, of Medina, New York, as Assistant to the Pastor in the position of Director of Youth and Music. The Church felt it was necessary to have a person to work with the

young people in the Word of Life and AWANA Programs. Rev. John D. Yardlay serves as Pastor of Grace Baptist Church, located at North Market Street and Little John Road, Troy.

Rev. Westbrook is a 1968 graduate of the Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, where he coached basketball for two years. He was, also, a public school teacher and a youth director before entering the pastorate. He served the Faith Bible Baptist Church, of Medina, N. Y., before accepting the Troy call.

His wife, Vicki, is a soloist, as well as, plays the piano and organ. Mrs. Westbrook is a graduate of Practical Bible Training School. They will be residing at 572 Forrest Lane, Troy, with their two children, Jennifer (8) and Mark (4).

## Is Home Missions Really Important?

By V. Ben Kendrick

This may seem like a strange title for an article but with many it is a very real live matter. It is with this in mind that we take a glimpse into the importance of home missions and how much emphasis should be given to it. It is always a sad thing to hear the Lord's people differentiate between home missions and foreign missions to the extent that one is placed above the other in the order of importance. Of course, categorizing these two great ministries which represent the heartbeat of the local church has no scriptural basis.

One question which comes to mind is just how far have we moved away from the scriptural concept of missions when a missionary in a foreign country, surrounded by people of a different culture and thus has an exciting story to tell, finds it easier to obtain support over that home based missionary simply because of his geographical location. We read in the Great Commission, of the command to go and preach the good news of Jesus Christ. In the 13th and 14th chapters of the book of Acts we find no financial scale relating to various degrees of responsibility among those sent out by the local church to preach the gospel. There is no doubt but that many in the local church today have faulted the missionary who is called of God to so called home missions. He is faulted because of the undescribable ever present idea that the foreign missionary and his ministry is superior to the home missionary and his God given task. We must never forget that it is the Holy Spirit who calls and the only responsibility that we have is to respond to that call. The best place for any believer to be in is that place of God's choosing. The home missionary and the foreign missionary are of equal importance as to their location of service because God placed them there.

Perhaps it would be well at this point to state an actual case that took place not too long ago. A fine missionary couple who had served the Lord admirably for over sixteen years in the heart of Africa found it necessary to leave the field and return home to the United States because of a health problem. Upon their return to America and just as soon as they were able to do so, they became involved in a ministry in the state of Maine. This they did to keep busy in the work while waiting upon the Lord for further direction as to a permanent place of ministry. Within a very short time after it was known that they became involved in home missions, a few of their supporting churches ceased with their financial support. In fact, they immediately lost over \$400 of regular monthly support. Why? Simply because they dared to become involved in a home missions ministry. What a tremendous sacrifice to make in order to work for the Lord during a transition period here at home. This is a tragedy but very much a reality in some of our Baptist churches.

Is there some guideline from the Lord regarding this matter of "home and foreign missions"? In Mark 16:15, we are commanded to "go into all the world" and in

this Great Commission to evangelize the world, Christ said, in Acts 1:8 that "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." There is a scriptural principle here for us in these great verses relating to missions. While the witness was to be given in Jerusalem it was to also extend into Judea, Samaria and the uttermost part of the earth. This is simultaneous action. The witness was to be carried at the same time in these four areas. The converse is true.

As the witness is carried to the ends of the earth, it is absolutely necessary that a strong base be developed at home. It is known worldwide among Christian circles that the major source of missionary recruits as well as finances is in North America. America must be kept strong and in order to do this, a strong emphasis must be made for home missions. It is interesting to note that one third of the 1,040 missionary personnel of Baptist Mid-Missions are home missionaries.

Support home missions? Yes, it is vitally important that we make every effort to strengthen and build up the home base. Prayer and financial support of home missionaries results in evangelizing and planting churches. Churches send forth missionaries and missionaries plant churches. A cycle you say? You are correct but this is God's program and evangelizing and church planting is His method to carry out that program.

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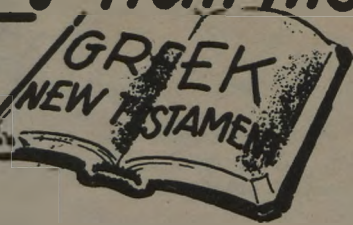
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## What Is Heresy?

The Scriptures themselves give us the answer to this question. The word "heresy" (Greek *haireisis*) is one of the most interesting and significant words in the New Testament. In 2 Pet. 2:1, specific warning is given to true Christians concerning apostates who will craftily introduce into the church and among its people "destructive heresies." The word "heresies" is the Greek *haireseis*, and a consideration of its nature, background, and use is of prime interest and major significance. In the early Greek writings the noun *haireisis* denoted: "a taking of something, a capturing or conquering, a taking for oneself" - hence, later on, "a choosing, choice, the thing chosen - so, a plan or purpose, course of action." Thucydides described the capture of a certain city with the words *hē haireisis tēs poleos*. The verb *haireo*, from which the noun *haireisis* is derived, was used to mean: "take a thing in hand, take for oneself, to choose." Herodotus used the verb to describe the election of an official to office by vote, and in Xenophon it is used to designate the preference of one course of action over another.

The idea of "choice" is reflected in the Septuagint Version, in several passages, such as Judges 5:8, "They chose (*heiretisan*) new gods," and 2 Samuel 15:15 has *hairetai* for "shall appoint." Choice has already been made of the one who will be appointed before the appointment is made. Leviticus 22:18 has *haireisin* to translate "free-will offerings." Here again the idea of choice is present because one must select what he intends to render as a free-will offering. In the later Patristic Writings, the thought of "choice, to choose" is carried on by John Chrysostom, Hermas, Justin Martyr, and Eusebius. But the noun *haireisis* is given the connotation of "way of thought, system of thinking, those who profess such a system, a body of people who hold false doctrine," and then, "heresy, false teaching which purports to be Christian." Such background and usage are most significant when we come to the Holy Spirit's use of the word in the New Testament.

This is the word which occurs in Matt. 12:18, where the Lord Himself quotes from the Old Testament prophecy in Isa. 42:1-4, and says, "Behold my servant, whom I have chosen (*heiretsia*). . . . Paul, in his well-known declaration in Phil. 1:22, states: "But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labor, yet what I shall choose (*heiresomai*) I know not." The great pronouncement in 2 Thess. 2:13 tells us: "God hath from the beginning chosen you (*heilato*) to salvation. . . ." The noun *haireisis* appears in Ac. 5:17, "The sect (*haireisis*) of the Sadducees" - designating the Sadducees as a body of men separated from others and following their own ideas, hence the rendering "sect", i.e. a party which has chosen to pursue a certain course of thought and action. The noun form is used in the same way of the Pharisees in Ac. 15:5, "the sect (*haireseos*) of the Pharisees"; and of Christians in Ac. 24:5, "sect (*haireseos*) of the Nazarenes." In 1 Cor. 11:19, Paul uses the word, "For there must

even be divisions (*haireseis*) "among you" - to point out the divisions in the church which were disrupting the congregation. Here again however the idea of "choice" persists, for these heresies (divisions) denote something that people select or choose for themselves, thus peculiar doctrines or opinions. Gal. 5:20 lists "heresies" (*haireseis*) as one of the works of the flesh, i.e. the choices of peculiar opinions and doctrines by the human mentality. They are the results of the thinking and desires of the natural mind.

With this background and with these uses of the word fresh in mind, let us come back to 2 Peter 2:1, and ascertain precisely what is meant by the "heresies" in this important passage. At least three things can be determined as to the nature and character of "pernicious heresies" from the word itself and its uses.

1. Heresy (*heireisis*) is a view or course of action which is self-chosen in preference over other views or plans of action. A heresy is not an opinion thrust upon an individual and which he is forced to adopt against his own judgment and contrary to his own will. It does not represent a decision which a man is forced to make under duress or threat. Nor is it a philosophy of life one may use as a plaything, with which to satisfy some religious fancy or mental whim - then, its usefulness done, to be thrown away like an old toy. A heresy is a view of something which is deliberately self-chosen over other views because the subject prefers that view to all the others. The point is not that there are not other views and opinions from which to choose, or that the individual is not able to choose from these other persuasions. The point is that the subject has considered a number of views or doctrines, and has chosen one of them in particular over the others because he prefers it to the rest and because he has decided to adopt it as his pattern or course of life. The fact that it is wrong, that it is an evil system of thought and a perilous plan of action does not deter him in the least. He chooses it because he desires to do so.

2. Heresy (*haireisis*) is a self-chosen view or doctrine apart from the teaching of the Holy Scriptures. When Peter speaks in 2 Pet. 2:1, of false teachers (*pseudodidaskaloi*) who introduce

and propagate destructive heresies (*haireseis*) he is speaking of men who have chosen to teach falsehood for truth, who teach doctrines

which they announce as true but which actually pervert the way of truth. Their teaching is the counterfeit doctrine of teachers who have separated themselves from the truth of the Word of God, and forming their own dishonest factions. "These are the ones making divisions, sensual, not having the Spirit" (Jude 19).

In the first section of the second Epistle, Peter has emphasized true, accurate, heart-knowledge, all diligence in the Christian life, the absolute certainty of the prophetic Word in an age of darkness, as based upon the fact of the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. Now, in chapter 2, the purpose of it all appears clearly - believers will have to face the worst of these false teachers, who teach the doctrines which emanate from demons, and whose character and life are as corrupt and pernicious as their doctrines. It must be understood by all believers that a heretic (*hairetikos*) is one who holds and teaches a heresy (*haireisis*) or a number of them, which are deliberately chosen views of his own, contrary to the teaching of the Holy Scriptures. A heresy is not merely a mistaken opinion about some doctrine of the Christian faith, held by an unenlightened brother in the church, and which can be corrected by careful teaching. Rather it is an evil tenet chosen with considered intent, in opposition to the

doctrines of the Scriptures, by a religious teacher who does not believe the Scriptures to be the inspired, authoritative Word of God, and therefore repudiates and disowns them. A heresy (*haireisis*) may appear to be truth until it is carefully scrutinized and investigated, and found to be false, just as false prophets appear beside God's true prophets, and with their pretended prophecies try to turn God's people away from the true prophets and the truths they pronounce by inspiration. The devil cannot, will not let God's true people alone. He is ceaselessly engaged in sending false teachers - heretics - among them, with their anti-scriptural doctrines, aimed at doing the greatest damage to the people of God.

3. Heresy (*haireisis*) is false doctrine which issues in eternal ruin for its advocates. 2 Pet. 2:1 reads: "heresies of perdition" (*haireseis apoleias*). The characterizing genitive construction is far stronger than an adjective "perdition heresies," and should not be converted into an adjective. These heresies are evil doctrines that belong to the realm of perdition, i.e. eternal damnation in hell, and carries its advocates there. Peter uses this word three times in the first three verses of the second chapter, to emphasize its significance and solemnity. See 2 Thess. 2:3, where *apoleias* is used of the destiny of the antichrist; Heb. 10:39, and Rev. 17:8, where it describes the final destination of the man of sin and all the lost dead.

All self-chosen views and doctrines that are contrary to the Scriptures and thus bear the seal of perdition, are evil, satanic, and bring upon their holders swift and utter ruin. This truth cannot be toned down, cannot be altered to suit the unsaved churchman's notions about heaven and hell, cannot be shrugged off as a "separationist interpretation of an

obviously wrong idea about a loving God whose creatures are all brothers."

The next statement makes very evident the crime and guilt of the heretics: "denying even the absolute Master who bought them." This is the heart of the issue, and shows beyond all question that the false doctrines of these lying religionists merit perdition. It shows that they deny and reject much more than the fact of God. They repudiate His absolute revelation

in Jesus Christ, and the words "who bought them" mean that they reject His whole redemptive work. They deny the complete doctrine of Christ. For this, they "bring upon themselves swift destruction." The tragedy is however, that "many shall follow their pernicious ways." Perhaps we may rescue some from the way of perdition.

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## It Was A Great Men's Retreat

One hundred and eleven men registered for the Annual Men's Retreat at Sky View. The speaker for the Retreat was the Rev. Paul Jackson of Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, Ohio. His messages were taken from Ephesians 5. The men were thoroughly pleased and challenged with Brother Jackson's ministry from the Word. Dave Conrad was the song leader, also from Grace Baptist, Cedarville, and did a very acceptable job.

The men participated in many of the usual activities - horseback riding, trap-shooting, golf, canoeing, softball, basketball and many of them sat around with coffee cup in hand and chewed the fat and fellowshiped one with another hours and hours on end.

There was a Pastor's Award given this year to the pastor from Defiance, Ohio or Brother Merlyn Jones. He had the greatest number of men attending the retreat this year - 28 in all.

The weather was bit cool and at times damp but there was a warm friendly spirit and the consensus of opinion as the men went on their way was that they were well fed at the table, well nourished in spirit from the Word of God and went away with the feeling "We'd like to do it again."

The retreat dates for 1977 at Sky View have been set - May 19-21. So, men, set aside those dates, plan on bringing a truckload, camper load or a bus load to Sky View for our Annual Men's Retreat.

Many thanks to Brother Howard Carathers of Cuyahoga Falls who was our acting Director for the Men's Retreat -- a job well done.

## Xenia Youth For Truth Summer Rally

Two hundred and thirty-two young people and their sponsors gathered for a great day at King's Island Amusement Park north of Cincinnati on Friday, July 9 for their summer Youth for Truth Rally. In addition to a beautiful sunny and warm day, the group gathered for a wonderful time of singing and being ministered to by the "Collegians" from the Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Penna. The team gave testimonies, sang and brought a Bible challenge for the one-hour rally in the park's Industrial Grove area. Sunburned noses, tired legs, and a smile on the face accompanied the group on their homeward way at the end of the day.

Youth for Truth's next rally will be on September 18, at the Cedarville College campus. The rally will include an outdoor barbecue dinner and a great rally with magician Ken Evans. Many exciting and enriching rallies are planned for the 1976-77 year of Youth for Truth, the youth division of the Xenia Area Pastor's Fellowship.



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## Delaware Church Duly Recognized



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A recognition council was called by Calvary Baptist Church of Delaware, Ohio on May 18, 1976. The Council was held in conjunction with the West Moriah Fellowship meeting at Bible Baptist Church, Newark, Ohio, Rev. Frank Odor, Pastor.

Those in attendance at the Council included the members of the West Moriah Fellowship, and Churches that are supporting the

## Gahanna Church Duly Recognized

The West Moriah Ministerial Association of Central Ohio convened on May 25th at 10:00 a.m. for council to recognize the Rocky Fork Baptist Church of Gahanna, Ohio.

Upon reading of the church's minutes regarding calling for council and thoroughly examining the constitution and covenant, it was unanimously passed by the council that they be recognized as a duly ordained company of believers in a Regular Baptist Church.

...submitted by Jim Ellick,  
Clerk of the Council

new work in Delaware. Pastor Mark R. Chandler, along with Noble Weir, Paul Rowlands and Stan Bostic represented Calvary Baptist Church.

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